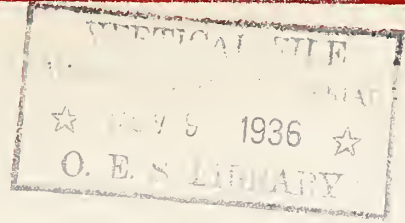


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FOR A KITCHEN WINDOW GARDEN

Spring is in the kitchen all winter for those fortunate people who have a garden in a window box or even in a few flowerpots. Basil, chives, summer savory, sweet marjoram, and parsley are a few of the herbs that can be grown indoors throughout the winter.

_____ says these heros will add (Nutrition specialist) zest to many a winter dish. Parsley, which is so easily grown in a window box or flowerpot, can be used fresh or dried, she says, and its flavor combines effectively with egg, meat, and vegetable dishes.

The clove-flavored leaves and flowers of basil and the young tender leaves of chives lend a delicate flavor to soups, stews, and salads. Summer savory, often called European mint, is popular for meat and poultry dressings. Sweet marjoram, a native of the Mediterranean countries, is much sought after by people who come to America from the Mediterranean region, and who are fond of the pleasing odor and aromatic taste of this herb in soups, meat pies, and dressings.

When grown indoors in window box or flowerpots, _____ (horticultural specialist) says herbs do best in a south window where they get plenty of sunlight. The main point is to have good soil. A soil consisting of one part well-rotted cow manure and two or three parts of good garden loam is about

right. The ideal soil has as its foundation well-rotted sods. Add the rotted cow manure, the sand, and a very small quantity of bonemeal. Mix the soil thoroughly and screen it through a course screen to remove any lumps.

The box should be at least 8 inches deep and long enough to fit the window readily. A layer of broken stones about an inch in thickness should be spread in the bottom of the box for drainage, and there should be one or two holes to allow any surplus water to drain out. Too many plants should not be crowded into the box. It will need water twice a week, or oftener if the soil begins to dry out.

If flowerpots are used, they should be at least 6 inches in diameter. Place a few small stones in the bottom of each pot to keep the drainage holes open. The pots may be set in saucers, but water should not be allowed to stand in the saucers. Potted plants usually need a little water every day. Giving the plants all the sunlight possible and turning the box or pots from time to time to prevent the plants from growing one-sided are aids to best results.

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